



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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## NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

### Presidents Report

Hope everyone has enjoyed the great summer weather but yet another frustrating year with closures. Most beaches will be reopening in August as we had all hoped for early bird fledges to reopen what we all like to do. It was great news that Earle had blown away to sea as we all speculated the worst from a hurricane as it has been 20 years since the last to hit the cape. Unfortunately some beaches have not recovered over the summer as much as we would have liked to see and some tough restrictions were put in place on some. Plum Island was only allowed a short distance of beach and limited to only 50 passes for ORV. access being sold. Chapin was closed to protect the building dunes for next year and the people of Plymouth beach have joined together against Goldenrod to show that they want their beach back. So as you can see the fight is on once again to preserve our rights to beach access and fishing. As you all enjoy the upcoming great weather on the beaches see your beach reps or on the website about your tickets for our 60<sup>th</sup>. Fall Banquet this year in a new place with great food, dancing and good times. This is the election meeting for new officers for next year.

**For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President**

### Chairman of the Board Report

I enjoyed some great fishing this summer, although my time on the beach wasn't as long as I would have liked. I will be back on the beach this fall to catch a few more fish before the cold winds blow. Fall vacations and fishing trips can bring great fishing, and unpredictable weather. You never know what gifts Mother Nature will give you. The next couple of months will be busy. We have started the monthly Board of Directors Meetings again and in addition to preparing for the Fall Beach Projects and Annual Fall Banquet and Elections, we will be discussing many issues from this summer. Several changes have taken place during the Beach season and we have much work ahead to prepare for next year, and years to come.

All members are welcome at the Board of Directors meetings and we encourage all of you who are interested, to attend. Officers, Directors and Courtesy Patrol Members are expected to attend these meetings. If you already regularly attend the BOD Meetings, thank you and please bring some of your MBBA friends, and anyone who would like to join.

We have lots of work cut out for us to maintain the access to the resources we enjoy. As an all volunteer organization, this club requires lots of informed members to help. The way to gain the knowledge needed, is to attend the meetings and become familiar with the issues. When you attend you will have a great opportunity to meet other members and get involved.

Our meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Lakeville Lions Club, Staples Shore Road, Lakeville, MA. All members are welcome and the meetings begin at 7:30PM

### Directions to The Lakeville Lions Club.

#### From North:

Take 495 South to Route 105 in Lakeville.

At the end of the ramp bear right and continue on Route 105 for a mile or so and then begin looking for the "General Joe Hooker Lounge" sign on the left. At the sign go left on Staples Shore road and as the road curves right, in front of the club, take a left into the parking lot for the club. We meet in the Event Room on the left side of the building.

#### From south:

Take Route 25 (495 North) to Route 105 in Lakeville. At the bottom of the ramp (facing McGee Chevrolet) take a left on Route 105 and follow 105 for a mile or so and begin looking for the "General Joe Hooker Lounge" sign on the left. At the sign go left on Staples Shore Road, and as the road curves right, take a left into the parking lot for the club. We meet in the Event Room on the left side of the building

**Vic Medeiros, Board of Directors Chairman**

### **Membership Secretary Report**

I hope you had a great summer and Labor Day weekend. Please check the calendar of events for the upcoming fall conservation projects and fall banquet. I hope many of you will be able to attend. Remember these events are for you the members, so come have a great time. It's the last big fling before winter sets in.

**Fall Banquet** -- Mark your calendars!! The date for the fall banquet is Saturday, November 6, 2010. The location will be at White's of Westport, MA located conveniently off of Rt. 195 in Westport, MA. Campers are permitted to park overnight and if you have already winterized your camper or don't want to bring it for the evening. A block of 10 rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn located next door to Whites. The rate for Saturday, November 6th is \$89.00 + tax. Your room will include but is not limited to:

- Continental breakfast plus one "on the house" hot breakfast dish
- 24-hour complimentary coffee and tea in the lobby
- Complimentary wireless high speed internet access
- Free Local phone calls, cable TV & HBO
- Coffee maker, hairdryer, iron & ironing board in every room
- Exercise room (with brand new equipment)
- Indoor pool & Jacuzzi
- White's of Westport restaurant adjacent to the hotel

You can book your reservation for this great low rate anytime **BEFORE October 6, 2010** by calling the reservation desk directly at 508-675-8500 or 1-800-HAMPTON or on-line by visiting [www.HamptonInn.com](http://www.HamptonInn.com).

### **Guests must use Group/Convention code CBB**

The evening will be fun-filled with new officers being elected as well as a delicious dinner and music/dancing provided by DJ Jeff Fowler.

Beach Reps and officers are selling tickets now. Tickets are \$38.00 each or (2) for \$75.00. This is our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; come celebrate this "White Diamond" event with us.

The menu for the evening is:

Caesar Salad, Seasonal Vegetable, Garlic Smashed Potatoes

Baked Scrod, Baked Virginia Ham, Roasted Chicken

Seafood Scampi with steamed rice

Chef-Carved Roast Tenderloin of Pork with apple-raisin stuffing and pork gravy

And of course....Seafood Newburg and Oreo cookie ice cream pie for dessert.

**Vikki Conboy, Membership Secretary [Mbba1721@comcast.net](mailto:Mbba1721@comcast.net)**

### **BEACH REPORTS:**

#### **Cape Cod National Seashore, Provincetown, MA**

Off road information line: 508-487-3698, General information line: 508-487-2100, extension 110

Web site: [www.nps.gov/caco](http://www.nps.gov/caco)

Over all we had a decent summer, we only had total closure for 9 days, the Race Point North SCV area was closed for 55 days beginning June 6<sup>th</sup>, and Race Point South for 34 days beginning June 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a SCV area at High Head open on July 10<sup>th</sup> until Race Point North reopened on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

After a 3 year hiatus the infamous dump pass returned with the counting of days, next year the plan is to start counting on the first of July where ever the SCV area is, the Visitors Center, Pilgrim Heights, High Head or the two normal SCV areas. The bottom line being that we are allowed to camp for 21 days between July 1<sup>st</sup> and Labor Day and use of the parking lot as a SCV area counts as camping.

Once again we fledged a ton of Plover chicks at Race point, the numbers won't be out for awhile but it was a good year for the plovers, the terns are still taking a beating from predators, but they still manage to be a pain in the butt, down at Head of the Meadow there were 102 tern nests one day and the next day there were two eggs left, apparently due to some very hungry coyotes. Hopefully the park will continue to work on ways to deal with terns within the constraints of the Massachusetts species of special concern rules, as they are not a federally protected species.

Fishing was very good particularly in the early season slacking off in the "dog days" as usual, but I heard stories of a lot of Bass and Blues taken from the beach and boats, and I even got a few.

Our fall project is September 18<sup>th</sup>; I hope to see you there as this is our chance to clean up the areas that were protected all season by symbolic fencing (that we couldn't cross in the spring project).

Thanks to my assistant beach reps Vic Medeiros and Bill Correia for their help and support and to our Courtesy Patrol members for all of their efforts this summer.

As always thank you for your support.

**Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep. 508-944-4447**

### **Nauset Beach Orleans/ Chatham, MA**

Nauset Beach ORV trails are currently open to vehicles with current ORV stickers. The beach was close from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> this summer. Vehicles with current 2010 off road vehicle stickers will be permitted to park in the main parking lot free of charge during the period that the off road vehicle trails remain closed.

We were waiting for one bird to fledge at the beginning of the trails. We asked the town of Orleans to consider using a bird monitor between the hours of 9am and 5pm – we were told they would have to file for a state conservation permit in order to pass any unfledged chicks.

The front beach did not build as expected this summer even with great weather. There are several spots that remain impassable. The back trail is open from the gatehouse to the tip. It is dry and we are not expecting high tides until September 7th - 10th. This may cause water in the back trail.

The Diamond Back Terrapin nests that were located on the beach will NOT cause any closures or cause ORV traffic to be re-routed.

Vehicle limits will be 350 per day and 60 S/C vehicles. S/C vehicles are requested to park south of Trail 5. There is parking at trails 5, 6, and 7 for self contains. Self contains should travel the back trail. Air pressure should be down to 12 pounds as the sand is very soft.

Beach goers should pay close attention while in the water due to recent shark sightings. There have been 5 sharks tagged so far this summer.

Other groups including The North Beach Advisory Committee and the people from Plymouth are interested in consolidating our efforts and open a discussion with elected officials regarding beach access. The goal is to change the mindset that beaches can remain open with plover activity and still allow ORV access with monitoring procedures.

Reps from Sandy Neck and P-town came to Nauset so hopefully this is a step in the right directions.

For updated information please visit [www.town.orleans.ma.us](http://www.town.orleans.ma.us) and check the MBBA Nauset Beach Report. ORV

Sticker Information: [http://orleansma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/OrleansMA\\_ORV/I0149118E](http://orleansma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/OrleansMA_ORV/I0149118E)

**Bill Sheehan MBBA #1414 Nauset Beach Representative [Codders3@yahoo.com](mailto:Codders3@yahoo.com)**

### **Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA**

Once more beaches have been put under further restrictions and this is the first for Chapin and Crowes Pasture with the many Conservation Committee meetings that went on through out the summer. At first it seem as all they were doing was enforcing what has not been done for a few years but they added more and more until they got what they wanted. I had a surprise call that said they were going to closer Chapin for good and I talked to Karen Johnson about the recent closure and was told that as the dunes had rebuilt some as of late they were steep to travel across at high tides and that they closed to protect what is there and preserve it for next year. I believe there is still walk on access and this makes a long walk to bass hole for great fall fishing. There is still talk of gates being added to Crowes and we will see what becomes of that and if they are really trying to keep us off as the little bird has told me. Looks to be another fight brewing to continue to keep yet another beach from being closed for good

**Tom Gagnon, Beach Rep.**

### **Plum Island, Newburyport, MA**

As many of you are aware, The Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island has instituted some restrictions to ORV usage this season; these include:

- A limited ORV range: The range this year begins at the northern ORV access point (BB1) to mile marker 2.0. This approximates 1.5 miles of beach.
- An ORV permit cap (50): These permits were offered on 8/23/10 on a first-come, first-serve basis and sold out immediately.

The reason given for the range restriction is due to narrowing/flattening of the berm on the mid- and southern portions of Plum Island (which face east and northeast respectively); this portion of the beach has been eroded from a series of winter & spring nor'east storms this past year.

The reason for the 50 permit cap is to control the vehicle density on the 1.5 mile range.

In addition to these restrictions, the refuge determined that ORV access would be suspended September 8-10 and October 8-9 due to the new moon tides. Since that announcement, the refuge director lifted the September tide closures due to gentle conditions. A decision will be made about the stated October closure a few days prior to October 8<sup>th</sup>.

The condition of the beach on the current range is superb. The berm is wide and high. Even with the new moon tides of September 8<sup>th</sup>, the wash didn't exceed the berm crest. The last wash across the beach table was the 3-day mini-nor'easter at the end of August which did little more than firm-up the sand, so ORV travel is easy. BB1 has been graded by ORV traffic at this point and is easily passable and relatively free of ruts.

The fishing on the refuge has been fair to good. Juvenile herring/shad has been along the beach and the bluefish are just now coming up from the 30' contour to occasionally show themselves at the surface. Bass from 20 – 30 pounds have been caught primarily at night, and everyone is wondering if another 60-pounder won't leave the Merrimack and travel down the island's surf line on its way back to Hatteras...

On a more serious note: In 2011, an independent research firm will begin gathering data for the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) of the refuge. Concurrent with the CCP will be a Compatibility Determination for continued ORV use of the beach. 2011 will be a big year for our user group so please be prepared to provide support in any manner you can as we engage in this process.

Thank you.

**Eric Roach, Beach Rep.**

### **Horseneck Beach, Westport, MA**

Well another summer has come and gone; Unfortunately the folks at DCR are unwilling to host us for the conservation project so the Board voted to suspend the project for this year.

As far as the beach goes they had a great summer esp. with all the 90+ degree days. They did however close the beach for a couple of days because of Great White Shark sightings.

**Brad Laursen, Beach Rep.**

### ***Scusset Beach Report***

Well we would guess everybody had a wonderful summer with the weather we had. Scusset was extremely busy this year the campground was full from before Memorial Day and is still booked most weekends till after late September. The beach parking lot was closed before noon every day we were there. The new walkway from the east end canal parking lot was installed. The walkway we put down needed some repair do to foot traffic. Fishing was great in August my son spent time up here and got 2 Bass 1 was 1.5" under the limit. The fall project is set for Oct. 2, I will be in touch with Bob & John for dates on the Safari Field access, hooded sweat shirts advised. Hope all get out to enjoy their beaches before the end of the season.

I hope we have a good turn out for the Oct 2 project, in talks with John a concern was made of open containers, lets all have our MBBA mugs in hand.

### **Chip and Bob, Beach Reps**

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### **Conservation and Dune Management**

Our next project is Race Point September 18<sup>th</sup>, I hope everyone has a great summer and can come help out with all of the fall projects:

Race Point                      September 18<sup>th</sup>

Scusset                              October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Horseneck                      Cancelled

**Peter Murray, Conservation Chairman**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 1<sup>st</sup> MBBA Monthly Meeting

September 18<sup>th</sup> Race Point Conservation Project

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Scusset Beach Conservation Project

**November 6<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Fall Banquet, White's of Westport**